California Environmental Protection Agency

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Water Quality Certification Application Information

Applications missing any of the following 5 items may be considered incomplete.

1. An initial fee deposit of $500.00. The total fee is based on the acres of fill or amount that is to be dredged as found in Title 23 CCR Section 2200(e). Please use the fee calculator found at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwa401/docs/dredgefillfeecalculator.xls to calculate your total fee. The correct fee and a copy of the fee calculator shall be submitted prior to the issuance of certification. The check should be made payable to the State Water Resources Control Board and mailed to the CRWQCB office at the above address. If our office becomes the Lead Agency for your project, additional fees will be required based on staff hours for completion of a CEQA document.

2. A copy of the application for or a copy of the §404 federal permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) including the Regulatory Branch Number. This item is not required if the applicant will be using a non-reporting Nationwide permit number; however, this only applies to projects not located in environmentally sensitive areas. All dredging projects require a permit from the ACOE. The applicant is responsible to complete their project within the expiration date of the permit.

3. An adequate description of the project. Include a location map, starting dates, and the expected project duration, and photos if available. Calculate the total area of jurisdictional waters of the U.S., that will be temporarily and permanently impacted, (in acres). State if dredging or cofferdams will be required. Pumping from cofferdams must meet turbidity requirements from our Basin Plan.

   - A dewatering permit may be requested if the discharge does not exceed 0.25 mgd and the duration is less than 4 months.

   - If your project comprises one (1) acre or more of disturbed area, you may need to obtain coverage under the NPDES General Permit for Storm water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities. Please contact Jacque Kelley at this office at (916) 464-4764 for information regarding Storm water permits.

4. A copy of the application or agreement for Lakebed or Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) from the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), or correspondence from DFG stating that no LSAA is required for your project. Projects on federal property are exempt.

5. Evidence of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance must be submitted. Compliance includes: a) Notice of Exemption, state Type, Class and Section Numbers for exemption. Questionable exemptions will be reviewed by our Office of Chief Counsel or b) An initial Environment Assessment with a Negative Declaration, if the project will not impact jurisdictional waters of the U.S., including wetlands, or other resources, i.e., fish, wildlife and plants. or c) An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) addressing mitigation measures or a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), if the project impacts any jurisdictional waters of the U.S., including wetlands, or other resources. The EIR or MND must state all on and off-site mitigation measures and all overseer agencies for the development of wetlands.

For more information on CEQA or NEPA, CEQA Internet location:
http://www.ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/

NEPA Internet location: http://www.ceres.ca.gov/env_law/federal/nepa.html

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